

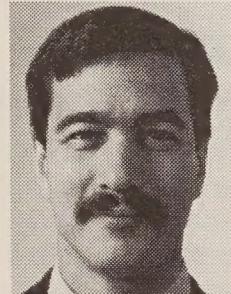
## "Get Yourself a Friend, Find Yourself a Teacher"

Sha'ar Zahav has always been a place where one person teaches another. Many of our service leaders over the years have not had a strong Jewish education growing up; they learned by working and studying with more experienced members of the congregation until one day they themselves became teachers and models. Our bar and bat mitzvah students have benefited tremendously from studying with adult members of the congregation; their tutors, too, have been personally enriched and transformed by the connection with their students.

For a long time, I have been looking for a route to provide mentors and Jewish communal "hosts" for prospective converts to Judaism as well as the many individuals who are Jewish but have no knowledge or experience of Jewish religious life. Some of you have responded to my earlier invitations to become a mentor for a prospective convert and we have made a couple of successful matches. On Saturday afternoon, March 25, we will have an organizing and study session for prospective converts and prospective mentors. While we can't promise a successful *shidduch* [match] to everyone who comes, we will continue to work at finding a mentor whenever possible.

What does it mean to be a mentor? The Mishnah teaches, "Find yourself a teacher; get yourself a friend." Mentors and students will chart their own path, but appropriate activities might include: attending Shabbat services together at CSZ and other synagogues; sharing how to make charoset; reading a book and talking about it; confronting your own faith-challenges and talking about them;

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Rabbi Yoel Kahn

## 18/10 Celebration Plans

Planning is underway for a celebration of our '18 (chai) or 18th birthday and of Rabbi Yoel Kahn's first decade as our rabbi. The festivities will occur during the weekend of May 19-21.

Activities begin on Friday night with a special commemorative service at Temple Emanu-El, Arguello and Lake streets, at 7:30 pm. The service will honor the founders of CSZ. Paid childcare will be available by advance reservation.

Dust off your party clothes as festivities continue Saturday night with what promises to be a memorable soiree at Delancey Street Foundation's Town Hall, 600 The Embarcadero at Brannan, at 8 pm. Get ready to boogie: entertainment will include a DJ and dancing and an appearance by CSZ's own Klezmer Band. This is not a potluck gathering: lavish hors d'oeuvres will be followed by a dessert buffet. A cash bar will be available.

The cost of the Saturday "18/10 Gala" is \$28 per person. Additional contributions to underwrite the event are requested so that all members can afford to attend. Childcare is not available at the Gala.

Sunday, a family picnic to which all are invited will conclude the celebration. Time and location for the picnic will be announced next month, but mark your calendar now.

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## Megillah Madness Goes 70s with Saturday Purim Fever!

It's time once again for the Sha'ar Zahav Purim Party, and have we got a treat for you! This year we go Disco with the *Saturday Purim Fever* Spiel. Boogie down with Mordy and the rest of the gang as they win the dance contest and banish that evil pair, Mr. & Mrs. (nee Anita) Bryant. Other treats in store include the Now Traditional Hamentaschen Bake-off, mask-making, costume contest, noshes and good things to drink, and the wonderful CSZ Klezmer Band, providing music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

The party will be held Saturday, March 18, at CSZ. We'll begin early with a shmooze and crafts session from 6:30 to 7:30 pm; make a mask, embellish a costume or just have a good time. At 7:45 pm there will be a short Havdalah service, then on to the *Saturday Purim Fever* Spiel. Then we roll up the rugs and boogie to the beat of the Sha'ar Zahav Klezmorim.

Between the spiel and the Klezmer music, the judges will award prizes for the hamentaschen bake-off and the costume contest. Costume categories include Best Traditional Purim Costume, Best 70s Outfit and Judges' Choice. Prizes will include Hair Care and Home Spa Gift Baskets (valued at \$100 each), a Triangle Time Watch (value \$60) and a Michael Bruno Book Bag (value \$40). A gift certificate to Palio d'Asti Restaurant will be awarded as the prize for the best hamantaschen.

And it's such a deal — Admission for CSZ members in costume is only \$6; members not in costume \$8. Non-members in costume, \$8; non-members not in costume \$10. Children 15 and under are free. No childcare, but we plan to have crafts you can do with your little ones.

Many hands make light work; we need lots of volunteers! We know we need hamentaschen bakers, arts and crafts helpers, "kosher hams" (no experience necessary) to act in the spiel, shoppers,

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## Purim — What the Megillah Says (and Doesn't Say)

—Nina Wouk for the Ritual Committee

Purim is here again — time of masquerade, hamentaschen, groggers, Baruch Goldstein . . . Hey, who let him into this list? Goldstein ruined the fun last year; he shot worshippers on a holy day and used the Megillat Esther as his justification. Will his deed and spirit shadow Purim for progressive Jews forever?

The answer is No. Goldstein's roots aren't in the Megillah, but in North American mythology. He was one of the "lone gunmen" who express their politics by shooting women engineering students or Asian-looking schoolchildren. The Megillah does not depict or endorse vigilante-style politics. What it depicts is, despite absurd exaggerations, a sensible guide for any minority. It shows the importance of lobbying and organization and the proper use of armed self-defense as a last resort.

Of all the books of the Tanach, the Megillah makes most use of the word "Jew." It is a story of exile. In losing their land and their independence, the Israelites had changed into Jews, a minority in a foreign country. They were unsure of everything, even God's attention.

God in the Megillah remains hidden. Esther emerges, exemplar of Jewish identity. She is married to a gentile king. What better metaphor is there for assimilation into a dominant culture? Her husband is foolish, powerful, and unreliable. Even the most self-congratulating majorities come across this way to those less powerful. During the first part of the book Esther is silent and passive, disoriented by her new situation. She doesn't tell anyone at court that she is a Jew; she can't yet gauge the risks of being one.

When she finally takes action, Esther uses her faith, her brain, and her reliance on the community. She acts with circumspection, but without hesitation. Her cousin Mordechai, unable to enter the palace, stands outside her window, dressed in mourning. Cautiously investigating, she sends him a change of clothing. When he refuses it, she asks why. He sends back news of Haman's decree against the Jews. Called on to be her people's lobbyist, Esther objects, with normal self-preservation, that approaching the king could get her killed. But Mordechai points out that, as a Jew, she is doomed. The minority needs rep-

resentation; it needs to influence the dominant culture. Its best representative is one of its own members.

But shared danger isn't enough to make Esther, isolated as she is, an effective lobbyist. She has to know the community is united behind her. Before approaching the king, she asks the community to fast for three days with her.

Her plan succeeds, up to a point. The king grants Esther's suit, deals summarily with Haman and then forgets about the Jews. Esther calls the king's attention back to the scheduled slaughter, but she doesn't expect the powerful king to create policies that protect her minority culture. She has a plan ready.

Thinking ahead is one of Esther's strengths; seizing opportunities is another. When the king gives her Haman's estate, she promptly puts Mordechai in charge of it, giving him a reason to move from the king's gate to the king's court. Now she has an ally close at hand. Both can speak for their people.

How does this nonviolent political maneuvering shade into violence? Not through a lone vigilante.

The violence begins with Haman, who obtains the king's permission to decree that on a single day anyone can "destroy, slay and exterminate" Jews. Haman removes the protection of the state from part of the people. Even if they would, local authorities can't intervene because that would mean going against the king's decree. This is the kind of artificial situation the Nazis created in Germany, with people licensed to act on their worst impulses and prevented from acting on their best. It is only in this context that armed self-defense becomes necessary, as a desperation measure.

Esther's solution is for the king to permit the Jews of every city to organize and defend themselves. Because this permission comes from the highest level of government, people "fear" the Jews, reducing the number willing to attack them. On the scheduled day, the attackers find themselves unable to overcome the defending militia.

The defenders succeed because of successful lobbying and organization. Without the king's permission to fight back, the Jews would have broken the law by fighting, and become criminals,

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## Shabbat Meditation

In the spirit of expanding the types of Jewish spiritual experiences offered at Sha'ar Zahav, we will be having a special "Kabbalistic chanting" service on March 17 from 7:30–8 pm. Drawing on the desire to take prayer out of the head and into the heart and body, we'll sing or chant and let the experience unfold. Join us for Jewish meditation that will bring in the Shabbat with *kavvanah*, intention and mindfulness. For more information, call Ellen Goldstein (510/534-1690).

Regular service will begin at 8:15 as usual.

## Women-led Shabbat-Rosh Chodesh Service

All members of the synagogue and the community are invited to a women-led service celebrating Shabbat on Friday evening, March 31. The service is a special one in that Shabbat and Rosh Chodesh coincide, ushering in the month of Nisan and the approach of Passover. Since it is the last Shabbat in the month, there will also be a Torah service and the music for the celebration will include Hallel (or songs of praise) which are customary for festive occasions. Plan to arrive early, as space in the sanctuary is limited and the service promises to be a very popular one.

Any woman member interested in participating in any way (chanting Torah, reading a selection, or contributing to the musical portion) is urged to get in touch with one of the planners as soon as possible. Call Tova Green (510/428-0240) or Batya Kalis (821-3855). If you would like to sponsor or help sponsor the Oneg Shabbat or help the Oneg Committee, call the office.

## Donation Requested

Credenza or cabinet to replace existing piece at rear of sanctuary. Wanted nice looking cabinet in good shape (approx. 36" width x 36" high x 18" depth) to house our sound system. In addition we would like to find a table to display printed matter, (approx. 48" width x 36-42" high x 12" deep). If you have something you would like to donate to the synagogue that you think may serve our needs please call Alice Prussin (552-8053). We need this by mid March as that is when our existing credenza is leaving. Thanks.

## Pilgrimage Reaches Israel

In the January Forward article "Pilgrimage for Peace and Life" Johanna J. Ceapach Chioinn describes her decision to participate in a peace walk from Auschwitz to Israel. The walk, sponsored by the Japanese monastic order Nipponzan Myohoji, will continue on to Hiroshima, Japan. Following are excerpts from her January 30 letter to Rabbi Kahn from Tel Aviv.

Tel Aviv, January 30, 1995

Just a quick note... before the last leg of the walk begins. The convocation at Auschwitz was tremendously challenging and powerful. An intense five days of active peacemaking in an environment guaranteed to stir up wildly volatile emotions. Among other things was the reconciliation story between a child of survivors and a former Waffen SS officer—deep and painful but also soaringly inspirational.

Living on the grounds of Auschwitz was pretty hard — many of us got sick there — a combination of constant emotional exhaustion, extremely foul air and the Polish winter. I'm still battling what has since been dubbed the "Auschwitz Flu" two months later. If it finally clears up here in Eretz Israel I suppose some sort of symbolism must be applied.

The walk from Poland to Vienna was difficult but quite effective — psychologically and physically very demanding and spiritually challenging. Indeed there are only two of us who are actively Jewish out of about six Jews on the walk and of the two of us I am by far the more comfortable being in front of people. I've ended up leading prayers and delivering short pieces of Jewish teaching in front of some rather large masses of religiously heterogeneous people. In Zagreb I found myself in front of about 1500 people and I recalled a sermon Rabbi Kahn gave a few years ago about a place and a prayer and a melody: "From generation to generation the place was forgotten but it was enough to just chant the prayer, and later the words were forgotten but it was enough just to sing the melody, and finally that was lost too; but if one prays with honesty God will hear it regardless of the place, words, or melody..." I used that as an invitation for the congregation to join in singing "Lo Yisa Goy" whether they knew the words or the melody or not.

I had some injuries during the first month from the intensity of the walk; now I've had some time to rest and recover and the injuries are healing and the flu seems on the mend. I join the walk in Jerusalem tomorrow and we begin walking on the 8th from Tobi-gha (just north of Tiberias) to Jerusalem. It should take about ten days and will be mostly in the West Bank. It will likely be yet another intense experience as most of the last few months have been. I look forward to being back in California and returning to my spiritual home. As Dorothy says, "There's no place like home."

Shalom,  
Johanna

## Chanting the Torah

CSZ members are invited to a two-session introductory class on Torah cantillation, to be led by Jewish educator and musician Carol Delton. The trope, or cantillation signs, tell how to chant each word, syllable or phrase in the Torah. The teachings about how to chant the Torah are part of the Torah lore which was preserved by scribes throughout the generations and has been passed down to us. Together with our b'nai mitzvah class, participants will learn about how the cantillation system works and learn to chant the most common trope combinations. This class is free and open to all CSZ members; advance registration is required. The sessions will be on Saturday mornings, March 4 and March 11, beginning at 9:30 am. The March 11 class will be followed by our monthly Shabbat morning service. Please call Amy Clark in the synagogue office to register.

## Saturday Purim Fever

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shleppers and choppers, and folks to lend shmattes for the costume bin. Additional volunteer tasks will certainly come up, and we'll find a place for any talents you wish to offer. For information and to volunteer for the spiel call Todd Taubman-Walker (586-8747) after 7 pm. For everything else, contact Sarah Goodman (997-0153) between 6:30 and 10 pm or goodston@well.com.

## Caring for the Elderly

—Jeffrey Lilly

On the corner of Mission and Silver stands an imposing collection of buildings which have been "woven together" to form one unit — the Jewish Home for the Aged. A large population of residents inhabits the varying assemblage. Frequently, people can be seen traveling from one area to another — to one of the cafeterias or to a performance hall, or to a small enclosed park, or to a much visited synagogue, or... Just linked to the joined assortment of buildings, a new structure, flashing its modern design to the outside, is open and in use.

In the words of the official handbook, the JHA is "dedicated to the care and treatment of people age 65 and over who belong to the Jewish faith and who have lived in San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma, or San Mateo counties for at least two years."

A short distance from the main entrance is also the Fannie L. Morris Day Care Center. Day Center Director, Mary Steinhauer, points out, "This is a program for frail Jewish elderly which offers individualized care, door-to-door transportation, Jewish-oriented activities, and health and social services."

As one might expect, volunteer efforts strongly supplement the work of a large professional staff at the Jewish Home. Volunteer Director, Martha Kariv, notes that "in 1994, 300 volunteers contributed approximately 33,000 hours of time to JHA activities." One may contribute once a month, once a week, or more. There are openings in Day Care, the Garden Cafe, Friendly Visiting, and Creative Arts. To volunteer, call Martha Kariv, Volunteer Director (334-2500).

In making your decision, you might consider these words from Psalms 71:9, "Do not cast me off in old age, when my health fails, forsake me not." Moreover, fulfilling this mitzvah can be a bridge to the future, a way of reconciling with one's family, and a very beautiful way of dispelling fears and embracing one's own mortality.

## Play Mah-Jongg

Mah-jongg teach-in attendees and others: beginner mah-jongg groups now forming. For information call Debby Gelber at 681-8492.

## February Va'ad Report

— Cheryl M. Bryan

The Va'ad welcomed Rabbi Kahn back after his leave of absence.

Rabbi Kahn began the meeting with a D'var Torah which commented on how important it is for each of us to acquire a teacher and a friend. We must recognize that we all need guidance, support and nurturance. The task is to determine whether this role will be filled by two separate individuals, one individual, or become a quality we discover in ourselves.

The Va'ad is currently exploring options for making the synagogue more wheelchair-accessible. Funds were approved to hire an architect to make some recommendations.

There was a proposal to budget money for instrumental music for some Friday night services and also for the High Holidays. There was much discussion about this issue; no final decision was made.

The Va'ad is trying to anticipate how many teachers will be needed for Kadimah classes for the next few years and whether or not we can guarantee a yearly Kadimah class. It was decided that input from more members would be needed to make this decision.

Childcare at High Holiday services for the last few years has incurred a financial loss. There was discussion about how to minimize this in the future.

A report by the Ma'ayan campaign indicates that CSZ has raised \$26,500 to date. We have not yet reached our goal. Let's keep up the good work.

Plans for the 18/10 celebration are going well. A program and picnic coordinator is currently needed. The Va'ad is also accepting nominations for community leaders that members of CSZ would like to see honored at this important celebration.

The Va'ad approved a policy that only members in good standing may participate in life cycle events at CSZ, or under the auspices of CSZ. This means that all financial obligations to the synagogue must be up to date, or special arrangements have been made with the Membership Committee or synagogue administrative staff.

The budget for the Purim party was approved. The party will be held Saturday, March 18. Watch for details.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20, with the singing of Oseh Shalom. A closed session followed.

### Rebecca Doctors-Cohen

Rebecca Doctors-Cohen will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 1. All members of the congregation are invited to attend the service, which begins at 10:30 am.

### JFCS Seeks Friendly Visitors for Holocaust Survivors

Jewish Family and Children's Services is currently recruiting community members to volunteer as friendly visitors with older adults who are survivors of the Holocaust. Volunteers must be able to work with elders, have sensitivity to individuals' experiences in the Holocaust, and have knowledge of or interest in learning about the Holocaust. We are looking for volunteers to commit four to six hours each month for one year. Training will be provided. For more information, call Sheryl Groden (561-1244).

### UAHC's Gay-Friendly Nominee

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the umbrella group of Reform congregations of which CSZ is a member, is perched at the edge of a big change. Its president, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, will be retiring in July, 1996. Rabbi Schindler has been extremely supportive of gay, lesbian and bisexual Jews and our families, and has provided strong leadership in bringing others to our side. The search for a successor has been ongoing for some time. Now, we hear that the nominating committee has recommended to the UAHC Board of Trustees that Rabbi Eric Yoffie be elected to succeed Rabbi Schindler. If the Board approves this selection, a vote of the member congregations will take place at the UAHC National Biennial in Atlanta this coming November. Rabbi Yoffie marched with gay and lesbian Jews at the Stonewall celebration and at the March on Washington, and has commuted tirelessly to attend meetings of the national UAHC Committee on Gay and Lesbian Concerns. We are thrilled to hear of his nomination.

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## President's Column

### Some New Proposals for the High Holidays

At the Va'ad meeting on March 13, we will be considering a proposal regarding tickets for High Holy Days. I thought I would tell you a little about that proposal and its history and invite you to attend the meeting if you would like to be heard on this issue.

#### Tickets for Yizkor/Neilah.

As you no doubt know, each year we have bigger and bigger crowds at our High Holiday services. Last year, we ran out of room at the Yizkor and Neilah services that come at the end of Yom Kippur day. The sanctuary was filled, and we were forced to create an impromptu overflow room to accommodate the 40 or so people that could not find seats in the main sanctuary. This year, therefore, we propose distributing tickets for that service, and placing anyone without a ticket in an overflow room.

As in 1990, when we first decided to issue tickets for Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre, a primary concern was that members were unable to get seats. As committed as we are to providing a welcoming environment to non-members, we cannot turn away members who have chosen to be a part of our community year-round, and whose dues support a large portion of the cost of the High Holiday services.

Under this proposal, each member in good standing would be entitled to one ticket for themselves, and would be given the opportunity to order one additional ticket for a non-member guest. We would still provide a welcoming place where non-members can come to services to say Kaddish for a loved one. Some non-members will come as guests of members, while others will be able to participate in the service from the overflow room. Although the overflow rooms do not provide the visual part of the service, I have found that services there are remarkably spiritual. Perhaps it has to do with needing to focus a little more to follow, without either the visual cues or the visual distractions.

We have more than 550 members, and the sanctuary at the Unitarian Center



Tiela Chalmers

seats only 750. Given the large number of non-members flocking to our services, we see no real alternative. We will continue to look into alternative spaces, but do not anticipate a solution for at least another year.

#### Charging for Non-Member tickets for Yizkor/Neilah.

As you know, we ask non-member guests with tickets to the main sanctuary at Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre for a donation of \$54 per service. (The low income rate is \$18, and no one is turned away due to an inability to contribute.) This policy was instituted in 1991 to address several problems. First, the vast majority of donations made during the High Holidays come from members. Despite creative and heartfelt pushke pitches, we had not been very successful in conveying to our non-member guests the costs (both year-round and one-time) associated with having High Holiday services like ours.

In addition, CSZ continues to struggle with the enormous demand for programming and our not-enormous budget. Finally, virtually every other synagogue and chavurah charges for High Holiday tickets.

So should we charge for these Yizkor/Neilah tickets? On the one hand, it will mean still more cost for those non-members who come to all three ticketed services. On the other hand, it is our impression that there are some non-members who come only to Yizkor/Neilah, so they have not paid for other tickets. No matter what, our overarching philosophy that we will not turn anyone away for inability to pay will apply.

#### Tickets for the Overflow Room.

Well, it has finally happened: the overflow rooms are overflowing. Our services continue to be very popular among non-members, and last year we met or, probably, exceeded the legal limit of people in the Starr King and Martin Luther King rooms and the chapel. We do not want to make entrance to these rooms first come, first served, since that would result in turning people away so late that they have no real alternatives.

The solution proposed is to distribute tickets to the overflow room. This ticket requirement would be highlighted in the ads we take out each year, and would of course be explained to the many non-members who call our office to ask about times and dates of services.

#### Should We Charge for the Overflow Rooms?

We have a long-standing tradition that we will offer High Holiday services at no charge. When we began requesting a donation from non-members for seating in the sanctuary, we reasoned that we still provided a moving, spiritual service in the overflow rooms for free. We would ask people in those rooms to make a donation, and those that could, would.

Unfortunately, we receive very little in donations from the overflow rooms. On the contrary, we sometimes hear people describing our services as the one place they can go "for free;" the place they can go if they are so unsure about their commitment to Judaism that they wouldn't spend any money to explore it. This is frustrating for those of us who supported the policy because

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## The Synagogue as a Healing Community

The Jewish Healing Center invites CSZ members to an afternoon of education and networking with others affiliated with the Jewish Healing Center's Synagogue Consortium on March 26 from 3:30–6 pm at Congregation Emanu-El. Rabbis Amy Eilberg, Nancy Flam and Jeffery Silberman will teach and facilitate conversation about the practice of *bikkur cholim*, praying for healing, and care for the caregiver. The goal is for participants to be able to strengthen their minds, hearts and spirits to provide even better care to those who are living with illness. Registration fee is \$5. For information or to register, please call BAJHC (750-4197).

## New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Daniel Bauman

K. H.

Ruthy Talansky

Allyn Stern

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

## Purim

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in danger from the police. If the community had not been organized and united, it might easily have been overpowered, one small group at a time.

The last lines of the Megillah show Mordechai established as viceroy and working for the welfare of his people. This is the example the Megillah sets, not vigilante violence but organized political action. This is an example any minority can benefit from. And this, under all the excitement, is what Purim can teach us.

## Naches

To Rafael Hoch and Seth Frohman on the arrival of **Claire Hannah Hoch-Frohman**.

To **Bonnie Bishop, Amy Weston** and **Benjamin Bishop-Weston** on the birth of **Michael Isaac Bishop-Weston**.

To **Mark Bowers** on his new position with Project Inform.

To **Michael Latz** on his acceptance to Hebrew Union College.

To **Gail Friedlander** on her new home.

To **Arthur Slepian** on his new home.

To **Paul Cohen and Bob Guterman** on their tenth anniversary.

To **Rafi Hoch and Seth Frohman** on their fifteenth anniversary.

To **Judy Heiman and Martha Moon** on their fifth anniversary.

## Grief Support Groups

Jewish Family and Children's Services is sponsoring a program for those living with grief and loss of a loved one. Bereavement Center Coordinator Lee L. Pollak, LCSW, will be leading orientation sessions for the eight-week Grief Support Groups. Learn how a Grief Specialist, group support, resources and information can assist you during your bereavement.

The orientation programs will be on the fourth Monday of each month through June from 6 to 7 pm at Jewish Family and Children's Services, 1600 Scott Street, at Post. If you would like to sign up or have questions, please call Judi McManigal (561-1251). These orientation sessions are free, non-denominational and open to the public.

*"A sorrow shared is a sorrow halved."*

## Onegs

These generous people sponsored onegs during the month of February:

10      **Edward Pollock**, in memory of Allan Ellis

17      **Mike Rankin and Allen Wein**, in honor of Allan Giannini's entrance into the covenant

## CSZ Office Wish List

Are you sometimes free during business hours? Do you have a car? Are you willing to brave the bulk mail department of the USPS? If you would be willing to take a slew of letters down to Evans Street once or twice a year please call Lea Salem in the CSZ office.

Have you got a 486 computer hanging around? We're trying to upgrade our systems to make them more efficient and would love to have it.

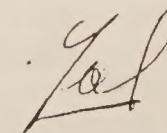
The cabinet at the back of the sanctuary, on which we have long placed our handouts, prayerbooks, kipot and so forth, actually belongs to the Liberal Catholic group that rents from us on Sundays. They are now moving to the East Bay, and will be taking the cabinet with them. If anyone has a similar (but smaller) piece of furniture that they would be willing to give or loan to the congregation, we would be very grateful. Please call the synagogue office if you think you might be able to help.

## Rabbi's Column

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making a field trip to Afikomen or bob&bob's Jewish bookstores; having Shabbat dinner together... You do not have to be a Jewish "expert" to be a mentor; you do have to have a love for Judaism and Jewish life, a readiness to share it and an open heart and mind. Monthly contact for a six-month period is the minimum commitment we ask from both parties.

Our organizing session will take place on Saturday afternoon, March 25 at 3:15 pm. We will learn about one another's backgrounds and interests and participate together in the synagogue's Shabbat afternoon Torah study and conclude with Havdalah. Please bring something to share at the light supper which follows the Torah study. [Everyone is invited to Torah study at 4:30; you need not be interested in the mentoring program.] If you are interested, whether as a prospective mentor or as a student, R.S.V.P. to Amy Clark at the synagogue office.



— Rabbi Yoel Kahn

## Holocaust Survivors Intergenerational Discussion Group

Jewish Family and Children's Services, the Northern California Holocaust Center, and Tikvah Acharey HaShoah are sponsoring an intergenerational discussion group for Holocaust survivors and for the children of survivors whose parents were Jews in Nazi Europe or refugees who left before the war. Third generation and other family members are also welcome.

The group will meet the first Sunday of every month from 3-4:30 pm, beginning on March 5, at JFCS, 1600 Scott Street. The annual group fee is \$25. For more information call Sheryl Groden (561-1244) or Yigal Ben-Haim (753-1000).

### March Editing Meeting Change

The *Gaily Forward* editing meeting, originally scheduled for March 15, has been rescheduled for 7 pm on Tuesday, March 14, to avoid conflict with Purim. All submissions for the April edition must be received by the regular deadline, Monday, March 13. No requests for late submissions can be honored.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Birthdays

### March

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| 1  | Arthur Slepian        |
| 3  | Shelley Adler         |
| 4  | Jody Adelberg         |
| 4  | Brett Trueman         |
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## President's Column

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we did not want low-income people to be turned away. Those overflow rooms may be free to non-members, but they cost members hundreds of dollars — what we pay to rent them from the Unitarian Center (as well as the volunteer time spent setting them up and staffing them).

On the other hand, many of us — including me — used to feel so distant from Judaism that we would not have spent money to take a first step towards it. How much more true of gay, lesbian and bisexual people, who have had bad experiences or bad feelings in other Jewish communities. Shouldn't we give them a chance to try it, to encourage them, to reach out and say, "try it, you'll see, it's different here, there is room for you here, too."

On still a third hand, the proposal is only to charge \$5 or perhaps \$9 per service. We are not talking about instant membership pledge; just the cost of a movie and a burrito. Can't we at least ask that? As usual, no one who is unable to pay will be turned away.

Well, there you have it: a policy question. If you have an opinion either way, please be sure to either call me (you can always leave a message) or come to the meeting. We will address this issue at about 7 pm on March 13 in the library at CSZ. See you there!

### Six Women Artists at Jewish Museum

Two new exhibitions at the Jewish Museum of San Francisco feature six women artists who explore issues of immigration, assimilation and identity. The exhibits will run from March 9 through April 30.

Elaine Reichek's *A Postcolonial Kindergarten: Installation* premiered at the Jewish Museum in New York last year. Reichek probes the tensions of assimilation which affect all Jews and immigrants.

Four of the other five nationally known women artists are from the Bay Area and the fifth is from New Mexico. Their exhibit *A Foot in the Door* features work by Beth Grossman, Judy Hertzl, Lisa Kokin, Rhoda London and Sharon Siskin and features painting, photography, sculpture and installation art.

The Jewish Museum is located at 121 Steuart Street (543-8880).

## Contributions

**S**ha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions of all sizes to mark any event and to add to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless otherwise requested.

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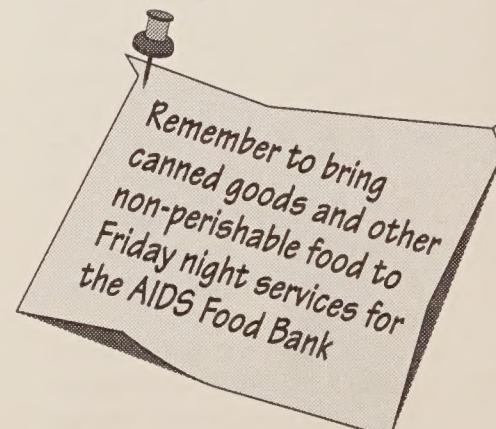
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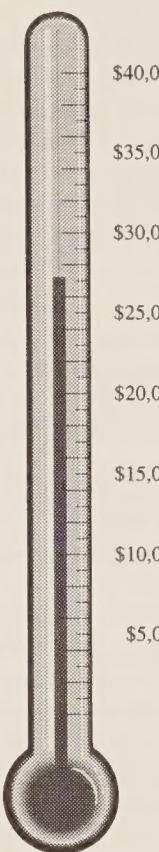
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<b>1</b> Wednesday 29 Adar I	<b>9</b> Thursday 7 Adar II	<b>17</b> Friday 15 Adar II	<b>25</b> Saturday 23 Adar II
• 7:15 pm, Modern Jewish Philosophies	• 7 pm, Children's Education	• 8:15 pm, Shabbat service, Paul Cohen & Susan Unger	• 9:30 am, Kadimah
• 8:30 pm, Introduction to Prayerbook Hebrew 1B			• 3:15 pm, Conversion Prep. meeting
<b>2</b> Thursday 30 Adar I	<b>10</b> Friday 8 Adar II	<b>18</b> Saturday 16 Adar II	• 4:30 pm, Torah Study/Havdalah/Potluck
• 7 pm, Newsletter distribution	• 8:15 pm, Shabbat service, Michael Latz, Steve Weitz & Rebecca Doctors-Cohen	• 9:30 am, Kadimah	
<b>3</b> Friday 1 Adar II	<b>11</b> Saturday 9 Adar II	<b>19</b> Sunday 17 Adar II	<b>26</b> Sunday 24 Adar II
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat service, Daniel Chesir & Larry Wexler	• 9:30 am, Torah Trope Class	• 6 pm, Healing Service	• Mini-advance
<b>4</b> Saturday 2 Adar II	• 9:30 am, Kadimah	• 7 pm, Newsletter proofreading/layout	• 4 pm, Klezmer Band Rehearsal
• 9:30 am, Torah Trope Class	• 10:30 am, Shabbat service, Rabbi Kahn & Frank Yellin		
• 9:30 am, Kadimah			<b>27</b> Monday 25 Adar II
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• 7:30 pm, Safam concert at Temple Emanu-El	<b>12</b> Sunday 10 Adar II	<b>21</b> Tuesday 19 Adar II	<b>29</b> Wednesday 27 Adar II
	• 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting	<b>22</b> Wednesday 20 Adar II	• 7:15 pm, Modern Jewish Philosophies
<b>5</b> Sunday 3 Adar II	<b>13</b> Monday 11 Adar II	• 4-6 pm, Planning meeting for young adult weekend at Camp Swig	• 8:30 pm, Introduction to Prayerbook Hebrew 1B
• 11 am, Infant Toddlers at Debby Wald and Brooke Shields'	• 7 pm, Va'ad meeting	• 7:15 pm, Modern Jewish Philosophies	
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	• 7:15 pm, Megillah Reading	• 8:15 pm, Shabbat service, Rabbi Kahn	• 8:15 pm, Shabbat service, women-led service for Shabbat Ha-Chodesh
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• Adult Education Classes canceled	Purim		
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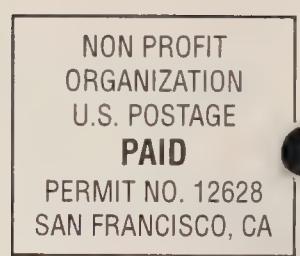
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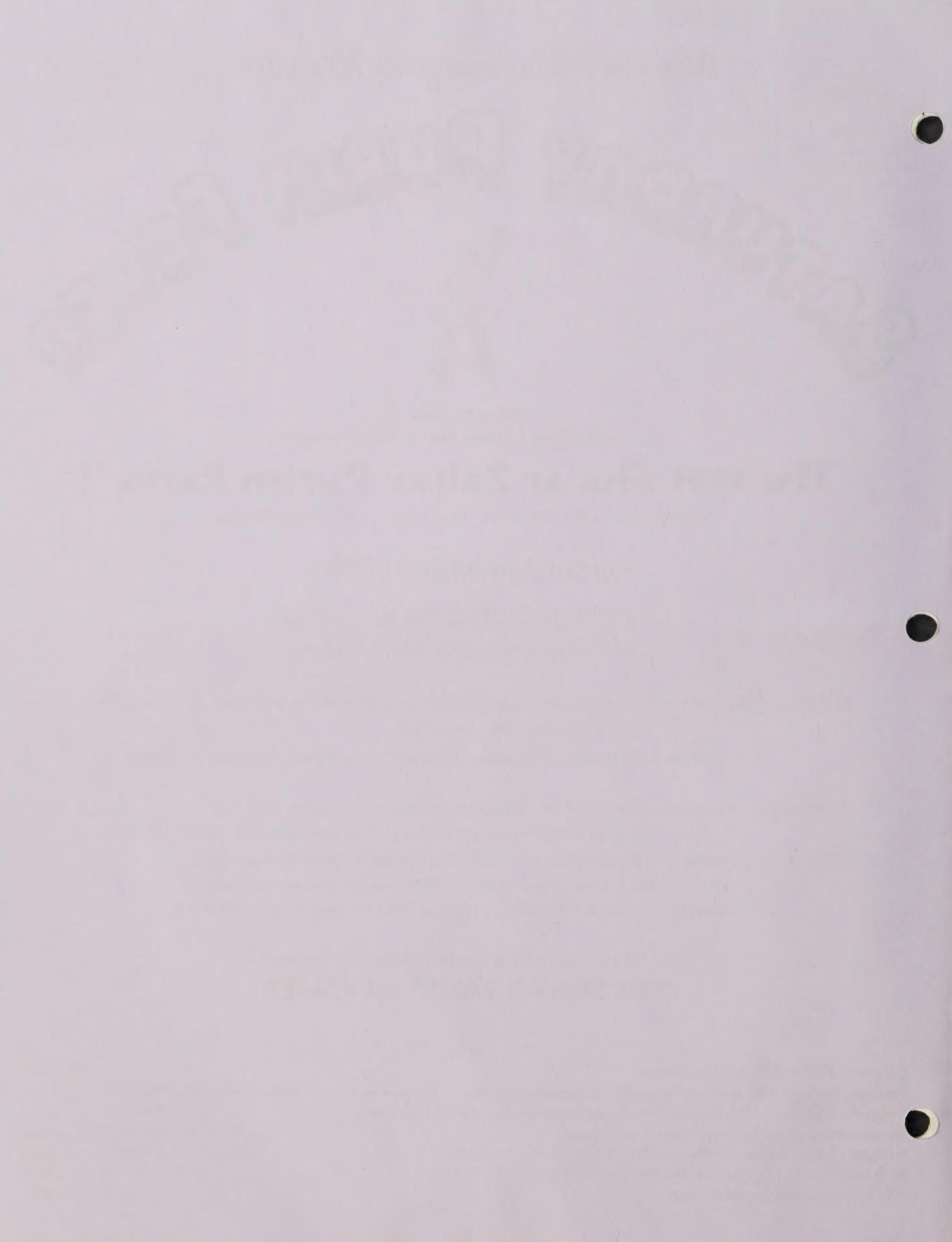
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Doors open at 5:45 pm - Seder promptly at 6:30 pm

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Please reserve the following number of places for:

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All seats will be reserved at preassigned tables of 16. You may reserve a full or half table by 1) indicating names on reverse of this form, or 2) by paying in advance for all tickets. Unless members' names are indicated all tickets are \$28.00 each. WE WILL TRY TO SATISFY YOUR REQUESTS BUT WE CAN MAKE NO GUARANTEES UNLESS A WHOLE TABLE IS BOOKED.

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